

Baraboo Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2019

I. Call to Meeting to Order and Note Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Chair Jim Bowers called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Baraboo Municipal Building, 101 South Blvd. Room 205, Baraboo, WI. The meeting was noticed in conformance with Wisconsin State Statutes regarding open meetings.

II. Roll Call

Present: Bowers, Alt, Caflisch, Johnson, Palm, Platt-Gibson, Reppen, Ryan, Wastlund, White

Absent: Umhoefer, Ayar, Taylor

Other: Patrick Cannon

III. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented

Alt (1); Johnson (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

IV. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for April 4, 2019

Alt (1); Johnson (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

V. Public Comment

No one from the public wished to speak at this time.

Introduction of Ms. Haley Ryan as a new BEDC member

Ms. Umhoefer's term is up and the Mayor is looking for someone from the STEM program to replace her

VI. Old Business

a. Updates on Development Activities

Mayor Palm indicated that Mr. Geick is planning on retiring in November, 2019. The city is working a recruitment process to fill the position. The Mayor also indicated that the City is looking to apply for Federal aid for a new fuel station at the airport. He also updated everyone on the 2019 road projects.

b. Updates from Plan Commission and Council

Mayor Palm gave a brief update on the State Joint Finance Committee action on the State budget.

c. Update from economic development partners and collaborators

- Ms. Platt-Gibson indicated that the Hospital has hired their 3rd orthopedic doctor. In addition their new OBGYN doctor has started.
- Ms. Ryan indicated that a group she is affiliated with is working on renewable energy programs
- Mr. Reppen indicated that the County Board is working on long term goals. Servo would also like to see the depot restored.
- Mr. White indicated that SCDC held their annual meeting. The Teacher Tour program has gained some success and they have toured Synergy. The SCDC office will be relocating on August 1, 2019 to the corner of Broadway and 8th.
- Mayor Palm speaking for Dr. Ayar indicated that the Grad's Gala has raised funds for the school. They have also announced that two new programs are being added. One in Business Administration and one in Agriculture.

- Ms. Wastlund indicated the CDA has a new Board member due to Mr. Zolper's resignation. The Discover Wisconsin show has been well received. The English as a second language program has expanded.
- Mr. Alt indicated that there is no planned activities on the Eastside study until the State has a more definite reconstruction schedule.
- Mr. Johnson indicated that the wet spring has made farming difficult to enter into the fields for planting. However, prices in the market have improved.
- Ms. Caflisch indicated that the Chamber has made offers to fill their vacant positions. The website is more focused on tourism.
- Mr. Bowers gave an update on the Homeless Shelter in West Baraboo. The Village is also concerned about the parking of the U-Haul equipment

d. Consideration of development of a strategic plan for BEDC

i. Ad Hoc Committee on Eastside Corridor Study

No updates waiting on DOT

ii. Ad Hoc Committee on Business Walk

BEDC is looking at a June 2020 Business Walk. BEDC will need to secure funding for the project.

VII. New Business

None

VII. Update Partner Presentation Schedule

The next BEDC meeting will be held at the Sauk County Law Enforcements Center at 5:00 pm. The Sheriff will provide a tour and an update on the current law enforcement needs throughout the area.

VIII. Commissioner and City Staff comments

Mr. Reppen would like a status update on the housing project on Lynn St.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:33 pm.

Alt (1); White (2)

Aye: All via voice vote

Nay: None

Jim Bowers
Chairperson

Patrick Cannon
Recorder